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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

REF: (A) STATE 140672 (B) STATE 137343

1. CHARGE INFORMED MINEXTAFF CHIEF POLITICAL OFFICER PHIRI OF SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS. PHIRI'S REACTION WAS NONCOMMITTAL FOR THE MOST PART, BUT HE VENTURED TO SAY THAT OBVIOUSLY SOME OUTSIDE ACTION IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER INSTABILITY IN THE AREA. HE ALLUDED TO MALAWI'S POTENTIAL VULNERABILITY IF NON-AFRICAN, I.E. SOVIET AND CUBAN, INFLUENCE INCREASES IN THIS AREA AND THEREFORE THE GOM MORE THAN LIKELY, ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLICLY, SEES NOTHING WRONG WITH AND TACTICALLY ENDORSES THE WESTERN ACTIONS BEING TAKEN. HE AGREED THAT AFRICANS MUST RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS BUT HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS WAS REALISTICALLY POSSIBLE.

2. PHIRI THEN SAID THE BIG QUESTION MARK IS WHY THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY, WHICH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN FOREWARNED FOR MONTHS ABOUT THE IMPENDING INVASION, HAD BEEN SO INEFFECTIVE DESPITE ITS SIZE AND REPUTED QUALITY OF WEAPONRY. HE SAID THE GOM WOULD BE HESITANT, DESPITE ITS INITIAL INSTINCTS, TO TAKE A PUBLIC POSITION UNTIL MORE IS KNOWN OF HOW THE LOCAL FORCES COULD DEFEND THEMSELVES IN THE FUTURE.

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